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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was unsettled and ranged cautiously steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good, best where features and winter weather conditions stimulated additional movement. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient to ample for the light demand. Breaking schedules for the upcoming week were less than normal. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate for the fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reduced.

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Effective January 2, 2003, prices delivered to retailers warehouse or store door in Boston (Brown), Philadelphia, Atlanta, Jackson, Major Louisiana Cities, Detroit, Major Ohio Cities and Major Wisconsin Cities will no longer be issued. Northeast, Midwest, Southeast and South Central regional prices will be issued instead and will be reported as "prices delivered to retailers warehouse and volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen." Prices and comments will appear on the report daily. Prices into Chicago, New York and Southern California delivered store door will continue to be reported.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was unsettled and ranged cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the fair demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the no better than fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reduced.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to good with brisk movement reported as scattered depending on location. Food service movement was light to good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were in a full range, but usually reported as mostly adequate. Central states breaking stock prices and checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings continued fully adequate to ample with many breakers content with company owned production and regular commitments. Most breakers were slowing production when possible and a few breakers were considering buying spot liquid and slowing down their own liquid output and spot shell egg purchases. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. In Atlanta, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged to lower on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices for the upcoming week were trending lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on the lighter weights. The market tone was unsettled and ranged cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited, but sufficient for the fair demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for reduced slaughter schedules.

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NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to instances good. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies adequate.

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Asking prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, extra large and large with medium unchanged throughout the region. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best to cover features. Offerings were generally adequate for current needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

Effective January 2, 2003, this report will no longer be issued due to a change in egg price reporting procedures.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	117-124	108-115	75-77
New York	71-75	69-73	53-57
Philadelphia	69-79	68-77	52-57.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-74	62-70	44-51
Jackson (1)	75-77	73-75	56-58
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-82	70-80	51-62
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	59-63	57-61	42-46
Detroit (2)	58-63	57-62	39-46
Major Ohio Cities (2)	60-64	59-62	41-44
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	60-65	42-46
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-82	77-80	58-61
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	83-87	81-84	64-67
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	99	94	77
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(3) - Reported Invoice prices	
(2) - Delivered Warehouse		(4) - Prices to Retailers	

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak with asking prices on jumbo, extra large and large 3 cents lower and medium and small unchanged. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best where features in progress. Offerings were generally adequate. Benchmark price on small was 57. Ads in Southern California: major chains - none noted, smaller outlets - 20 count extra large 2 for 300, extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99 and medium dozen 79.

CALIFORNIA: California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	102
EXTRA LARGE	99
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	77

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	85-92
EXTRA LARGE	83-87
LARGE	81-84
MEDIUM	64-67

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-299
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings continued fully adequate to ample with many breakers content with company owned production and regular commitments. Most breakers were slowing production when possible and a few breakers were considering purchasing spot liquid and slowing down their own liquid output. Demand for additional heavy nest runs was light. Breaking schedules reduced for next week. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-32	30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-21	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Offerings of nest run breaking stock were limited, but sufficient for reduced needs. Some buyers were bidding lower, but closely watching further market developments in anticipation of increased offerings. Demand was only fair. The undertone was unsettled at prevailing price levels. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21 December 2002 were 7 % less than a week earlier and 5 % less than the same week a year ago.

CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-33	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-24	17-20

EASTERN REGION AREA:
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 21-Dec-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,185,381	29,075	10,643	5,737	2,595	4,260
PW	1,194,289	29,017	10,563	5,760	2,471	4,213
LY	1,164,776	26,792	11,439	5,756	3,439	4,388
% CHG PW	-1	0	1	0	5	1
% CHG LY	2	9	-7	0	-25	-3
2002	61,487,105	1,441,175	585,336	314,560	141,350	218,203
2001	59,295,048	1,347,347	594,290	317,240	132,412	211,980
% CHG YTD	4	7	-2	-1	7	3

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.94	41.49	41.53
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	38.35	37.96	37.76

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was weak for whole egg and yolk and just steady for whites. Whole egg and white demand was mostly good with discounting helping to generate additional movement. Many breakers were becoming buyers of liquid products as they decide to slow breaking schedules and purchases of spot shell eggs. Yolk demand was seasonally slow. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate for whole egg and yolk, and adequate to slightly more available for whites than previously reported. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 27 December, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	23	21-26	24.26	-1.74
WHITES	18	12-18.75	13.10	-.51
YOLKS		TFEWR		

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, unchanged to lower on whole, and lower on yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was generally steady on whites, no better than about steady to weak on whole, and unsettled to weak on yolks. Demand and trading was light and often reported as quiet. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 21, 2002 were 7% less than the previous week, and unchanged when compared to a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	38-45	40-43	47-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		67-85
WHITES	21-32	22-24	28-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-85	83-85	87-94
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-81	78-81	83-89
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY			28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All frozen products prices ranged lower with the exception of whites which were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for whites, and barely steady on the balance of products at current reported price levels. Demand continued seasonally quiet with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate. Frozen inventories were building and processors struggled to move liquid and opted to freeze excess production. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported values.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	39-42	40-42
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	81-84	82-83
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-81	77-79

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were unchanged on whites and 2 cents lower on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity, for the week ending December 21, increased by 3% compared to the previous week. Demand was fairly good overall with freezer stocks generally adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	46-49
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	87-90
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-86

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to last week's trading. The market tone was steady on albumen, mixed but usually barely steady to weak on other items. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Demand and trading during the holiday week was light. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 21, 2002 were 5% more than the previous week, but 25% lower than the same week a year ago. The overall, total year to date dried egg produced was 7% more than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.56-1.85	MOSTLY 1.60-1.70
YOLKS	1.80-2.15	MOSTLY 1.90-2.00
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.58-2.00	MOSTLY 1.63-1.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.36	MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 26, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								70.00	FUTURE LOADS			53.75	TOTAL LOADS					123.75
SE		NE		MW			LOADS	SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	43.00	47.36	42.50	44.33	—	—	16.00	GNR W XL	32.00	35.50	—	—	—	—	2.00			
GNR W 2	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	47.50	—	—	—	—	4.00			
GNR BR 1	—	—	77.50	79.00	—	108.00	2.50	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL W J	—	—	—	—	43.00	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	101.00	—	—	111.00	—	—	2.00			
GL W XL	—	53.00	56.75	55.92	42.02	—	35.25	GL W J	44.00	—	—	—	—	53.25	2.00			
GL W LG	—	53.33	37.00	49.43	36.81	—	34.25	GL W XL	42.00	50.00	—	—	—	49.32	13.75			
GL W MD	—	36.00	32.00	33.50	31.63	28.00	12.25	GL W LG	—	53.24	—	—	56.00	46.54	22.50			
GL W SM	—	—	28.00	29.25	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	30.75	35.00	—	—	—	37.13	9.75			
NRBS - 48	—	—	28.00	29.00	29.00	30.84	30.25	GL BR LG	109.00	—	—	119.00	—	—	1.00			
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.50	16.00	—	20.50	2.50											

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was no better than fair and mostly unaggressive. Offerings were at least adequate for the reduced processing schedules. Movement of finished product was moderate and well cleared. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Slaughter schedules were reduced. Finished sales had slowed but had cleared standing inventory. Trade sentiment was only steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to mostly ample with heavy movement noted as producers market spent hens to a variety of end users. Demand was light to moderate. Schedules part-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Dec-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

Effective January 3, 2003, this report will be replaced by the Weekly Combined Regional report. This change is necessitated by the change in egg price reporting procedures.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.91	72.03	54.94
SOUTHERN	72.90	70.40	52.00
MIDWEST	62.12	60.48	43.25
WESTERN	89.40	86.03	68.79
TWELVE METRO AREAS	76.57	74.15	56.88
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners due to extremely light movement. Demand was in a full range and trading was very limited. Supplies and offerings were in close balance to short and well cleared. The undertone was generally steady.

LIGHT CANNER HENS		HEAVY CANNER HENS	
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)		(WITHOUT NECKS)	
20.5-25 MAJORITY	21.5-22.5	31-35 MAJORITY	31-33
LIGHT CANNER HENS		HEAVY CANNER HENS	
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)		(WITHOUT NECKS)	
21.5-26.5 MAJORITY	23.5-24.5	33-37 MAJORITY	33-34

Effective January 3, 2003, the Eastern, South Central and North Central Light Live Hen Reports will no longer report light live hen prices in cents per pound, generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. The report will reflect producer costs in cents per bird for light type hen removal. The change is in response to request from egg producers, hen buyers, transporters and processors to reflect current industry hen removal practices.

LIVE TYPE HENS

Cents Per LB., Day Of Negotiation, Generally For Slaughter Within The Next 10 Days.

Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR*	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR*	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
*TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Slaughter schedules were curtailed this week due to the holidays. Offerings were adequate for current needs.

NOTICE

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending December 14, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	258	245	19,948	12,880
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	32	0	832	426
Total	290	245	20,801	13,384

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending December 14, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	80	180	5,998	5,844
Frozen	78	94	3,332	1,757
Dried	80	10	5,049	628
Total	238	284	14,379	8,229

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending December 14, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	17	0	1,622	87
Extra Large	2,505	3,045	53,259	71,523
Large	6,088	5,070	145,512	140,003
Medium	1,438	197	49,185	44,094
Ungraded	11,160	13,770	368,005	446,890
Misc	0	720	14,737	71,084
Total	21,208	22,802	632,320	773,681

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	36-40	21-25	11-15

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

Effective, January 2, 2003, This Report Will Be Discontinued. A Midwest regional price will be issued instead and will be reported as "prices delivered to retailers warehouse and volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen."

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
64-74	58-61	55-60	39-43	31-35

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

Effective, January 2, 2003, This Report Will Be Discontinued.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	98-101	89-92	56-59	25-28

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
(IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	12/23/02	2,072	110,278	79,887
AM	12/01/02	2,669	112,050	77,481
CHG		-597	-1772	2406
PCT CHG		-22%	-2%	3%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 21-Dec-2002

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.5	26.3	12	-9
BOSTON	3.9	3.1	26	30
CHICAGO	56.3	65.7	-14	-15
DETROIT	33.6	38.2	-12	-5
KANSAS CITY	3.6	4.2	-14	-38
LOS ANGELES	102.2	107.7	-5	-26
NEW ORLEANS	17.2	14.0	23	52
NEW YORK	43.9	36.1	22	7
ST. LOUIS	20.8	18.2	14	-8
SAN FRANCISCO	28.0	24.3	15	-7
4 WK MVG AVG	321.0			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 21-Dec-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	240.3	-1	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	562.2	-1	0
W.N. CENTRAL	285.9	-2	-9
S. ATLANTIC	206.7	0	3
S. CENTRAL	95.5	0	13
WEST	212.2	9	-6
TOTAL	1602.8	0	-2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, DEC 24, 2002.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	136	127	89	58
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	126-130	117-121	82-86	51-55
MOSTLY	128-129	119-120	84-85	53-54
RHODE ISLAND	135-139	126-130	88-92	57-61
MOSTLY	135	126	88	57
VERMONT	135-139	125-130	89-92	-
MOSTLY	139	130	92	-

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